

Official Diary

Friday, 13 March 1953

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1. Participated in briefing of the Presidential policy consultants who were brought over by [REDACTED]. At the end it was agreed that they would return next Wednesday, time to be fixed later, to view the BW film on American airmen, to hear a 1-hour briefing on covert activities by [REDACTED] and to follow up any points of intelligence on which they desired further information. [REDACTED] will transmit to us any questions which they may have. One question which was asked at the briefing and on which [REDACTED] should provide the answer, is whether we have any intelligence indicating Soviet treatment of the question of military deferment of technically trained individuals.

2. Attended luncheon and briefing for the Service Secretaries.

3. Attended special USCIB Meeting.

4. Discussed with General Cabell, Messrs. Amory, [REDACTED] the question of whether or not the CIA should support budget-wise IAC or service of common concern activities of other intelligence agencies. After some discussion it was agreed that so long as appropriate precautions were taken to see that we were not buying a pig-in-a-poke, this should be done. Accordingly, a paper is to be prepared to enable this policy issue to be considered by DCI. Further, it was agreed that [REDACTED] would have additional discussions with State in an effort to persuade them to continue their external research coordination activities, if necessary by sacrificing other less essential activities.

5. Transmitted to [REDACTED] the results of PSB consideration of the China project. I informed him that this project had been approved in the amount of \$156,000 plus, and that the Board had indicated that it would be prepared to add another \$50,000 if subjects of particular value were developed during the course of the study. [REDACTED] pointed out that this amount would not cover the overhead of the [REDACTED] a point which had not been considered by PSB. It appeared to me that this did not present any serious issue at this time, since provision had been made for the [REDACTED] overhead during fiscal '53. With respect to future years, I indicated in general terms to [REDACTED] that the [REDACTED] overall budget would have to be scaled down in a manner similar to that in which all governmental budgets were being reduced and he seemed to fully appreciate the point.

6. [REDACTED] phoned to apologize because an earlier letter of mine to him had been mislaid. He desired to follow up with me a point that had been raised some time ago by [REDACTED] and I shall await his call.

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